

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9 and 19 are currently amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-23 are currently pending before the Examiner.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9 and 19 to ensure consistency with the disclosure as suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Additionally, applicants have enclosed a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over claims 1-30 of US Patent No 7,294,189, in view of Luongo, 6,251,979. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in the submission of this response. However, if any fees are due, Applicants hereby grant the USPTO to withdraw any fees as required from deposit account number 50-1863.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or requires additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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